GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF NEURO SURGEONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of neuro surgeons in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of neuro surgeons available in the Government hospitals in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (d) Data with regard to number of neuro surgeons is not centrally maintained. State Governments have been giving Essentiality Certificate for starting of different PG/Superspecialty courses in the Medical colleges/institutions in the State based on the need for starting such courses. Based on the Essentiality Certificate given by the State Government and other requirement as per MCI norms, Central Government is granting permission for starting of such courses after receiving recommendations from Medical Council of India. Recently the Medical Council of India regulations have been amended wherein the existing teacher student ratio of 1:1 has now become 1:2. This change would enhance the intake capacity of medical colleges for specialty and super specialty courses.